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What Do Your Invoices Have in Common With Your Email?

If you do both on your computer, you may want to think more about computer security. Payroll, proprietary information, client or employee data – information is **essential** to a business's success. A computer failure or other system breach could cost a business anything from its reputation to its competitive advantage.

- ♦ A bookkeeper, described as "a family man and a good Christian", stole \$73,000 from his employer. The theft, legal fees, and recovery fees paid to new accountants almost destroyed the 40-person firm.
- ♦ A Trojan horse, unknowingly activated by the company's owner, devastated a small consulting firm.
- ♦ A grandmother embezzled \$500,000 from her employer, a small electrical equipment supplier.

The small business owner who **recognizes the threat** of computer crime *AND* who takes steps to deter inappropriate activities is **less likely to become a victim**.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Computer Security Division has developed, in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Small Business Administration, to conduct a workshop to **help the small business owner** increase information system security. Learn how to define information security (IS) for your organization.

- ♦ Hear examples of common types of threats and understand how to determine the extent to which your organization should proactively address threats.
- ♦ Learn common Best Practices and procedures to operate more securely.
- ♦ Hear a basic explanation of current technologies used in reducing IS vulnerabilities and learn of resources freely available to your organization.

This course is **free** and scheduled for **TWO** separate dates and locations:

June 28, 2006
8am-Noon
Laramie County Community College
1400 E College Dr, Room CCI 129
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82007

June 29, 2006
8am-Noon
Casper College
College Center, Rm 217
(Building behind Roberts Commons)
Casper, Wyoming

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For more information about SBA's programs for small businesses, call 307-261-6500 or TDY 307-261-6527 or visit the SBA's extensive Web site at www.sba.gov/wy.

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